Table 2

Business R&D performed in the United States, by technology focus, selected industry, and company size: 2018

(Millions of U.S. dollars)

Selected industry, NAICS code, and company size	Total		Biotechnology				Nanotechnology				Software		
	Companies ^a (number) Amount		Companies ^a (number)		Amount		Companies ^a (number)		Amount		Companies ^a (number)		Amount
All industries, 21-33, 42-81	26,313	441,036	2,470	i	62,862		957	i	16,799	i	11,034	i	165,576
Manufacturing industries, 31-33	15,205	274,075	1,733	i	53,272		772	i	14,783	i	4,004	i	40,507
Chemicals, 325	2,713	84,137	1,058	i	47,526		203	i	607		195	i	498
Pharmaceuticals and medicines, 3254	1,334	74,592	915	i	46,023		55	i	401		99		315
Other 325	1,379	9,545	143	i	1,503	i	148	i	206		96	i	183
Machinery, 333	2,072	14,799	24		10		34	i	1,028	i	827	i	1,620
Computer and electronic products, 334	2,340	83,697	208	i	2,319	i	267	i	12,545	i	1,394	i	30,187
Transportation equipment, 336	1,105	52,629	8		35		7		33	i	234	i	4,629
Miscellaneous, 339	1,251	17,209	176	i	2,147		66	i	308	i	329	i	2,263
Manufacturing nec, other 31-33	5,724	21,604	259		1,235		195		262		1,025		1,310
Nonmanufacturing industries, 21–23, 42–81	11,116	166,961	737	i	9,590		185	i	2,016	i	7,030	i	125,069
Information, 51	2,660	94,349	23		77		11		1,095	i	2,383		86,457
Professional, scientific, and technical services, 54	6,224	44,860	646	i	8,624		149	i	878	i	3,968	i	16,590
Nonmanufacturing nec, other 21–23, 42–81	2,232	27,752	68		889		25		43		679	i	22,022
All companies (number of domestic employees)	26,313	441,036	2,470	i	62,862		957	i	16,799	i	11,034	i	165,576
Small companies													
10-19 ^b	4,294	4,390	582	i	987		182	i	138	i	2,128	i	1,496
20-49	7,386	11,252	699	i	2,803		292	i	354	i	3,316	i	3,946
Medium companies													
50-99	4,591	12,321	311	i	3,508		137	i	330	i	1,850	i	3,677
100-249	5,004	18,547	444		4,155		132		463		1,797		5,690
Large companies													
250-499	2,060	19,645	170		5,313		75		732		722		5,982
500-999	1,152	17,657	74	i	3,263	i			581	i	429		5,730
1,000-4,999	1,263	68,578	100		9,005	i			3,517		523		27,408
5,000-9,999	241	45,337	32		8,580		16		3,787		114		13,619
10,000-24,999	207	84,420	43		21,542	i			2,020	i			27,794
25,000 or more	114	158,889	16		3,706		12		4,877	i			70,233

i = more than 50% of the estimate is a combination of imputation and reweighting to account for nonresponse.

NAICS = North American Industry Classification System; nec = not elsewhere classified.

Note(s):

Technology focus categories may not sum to the total because companies may report their R&D costs in zero, one, or many categories. Industry and company size category detail may not add to total because of rounding. Statistics are representative of companies located in the United States that performed or funded \$50,000 or more of R&D. Industry classification was based on dominant business code for domestic R&D performance, where available. For companies that did not report business codes, the classification used for sampling was assigned. Technologies are not mutually exclusive as companies could report R&D in one, more than one, or no technology focus. Additional industry-level data can be found in the full set of BRDS detailed statistical tables posted online.

Source(s)

National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics and U.S. Census Bureau, Business Research and Development Survey, 2018.

^a Beginning in survey year 2018, these statistics include an adjustment to the weight to account for unit nonresponse. A company having multiple reporting parts for data collection may contribute to the statistics for multiple industries, so the detail may not add to the total for the number of companies.

^b Business Research and Development Survey does not include companies with fewer than 10 domestic employees.